

Application No. 10/084,491  
Amendment 37 CFR 1.116  
Reply to Office Action dated March 24, 2005  
September 26, 2005

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 4-8 and 10-11 have been cancelled and claims 9 and 12 which were indicated to contain allowable subject matter have been rewritten into independent form. Currently, claims 2-3, 9 and 12-15 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 13-14 are allowed is noted with appreciation. Examiner Maiorino is also thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned in a recent telephone conference to clarify the office action. Specifically, Examiner Maiorino indicated that claims 2, 3 and 15 which all depend from claim 13 should have been indicated to be allowable over the prior art of record since they depend from an allowable independent claim. Examiner Maiorino also indicated that claims 5-8 continue to be rejected and claim 4 continues to be withdrawn from consideration.

By this amendment, claims 9 and 12 (which were objected to as containing allowable subject matter but were dependent on a rejected base claim) have each been amended into independent form

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including all of the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claim. Specifically, claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 7 and 8 and claim 12 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of claim 7.

In view of foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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